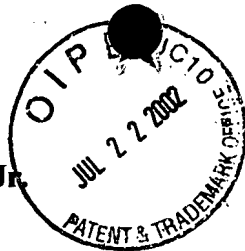


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Dear Ms. Danganan:

Enclosed please find pages 1 through 11 of my patent application 09/809/709 corrected per your first office action mailed to me on 04/24/2002. I have also included drawing, sheet 12 of 12 that I corrected.

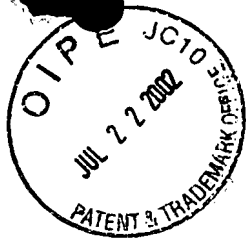
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to because Figures 30 and 31 are so close together that it is confusing as to which elements belong which figure. Correction is required.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:
 - (a) page 3, figure descriptions for Figures 24 and 26-28 should be inserted; and
 - (b) page 6, line 15, change "includes" to --includes--.

Appropriate correction is required.

3. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: the specification should recite (a) the outer side surface of the upper jaw having "ratcheted teeth" as recited in Claim 1, line 4 (please note that the specification discloses these "ratcheted teeth" as "notched portion 48") and (b) the serrated gripping surface being "slanted" as recited in Claim 9, line 3.